

Filing for a Wisconsin Homestead Credit if You're Under 62

What is the issue?

Beginning in 2017, in order to claim a WI homestead credit **if you are under the age of 62**, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue requires that you must have either:

1. Earned income (earnings reported on a W-2, 1099-Misc, or self-employment income)
2. Proof of disability, which can be one of the following documents:
 - a. Physician's Statement – A statement from your physician which states the beginning date of the disability and that you have a physical or mental impairment which does not allow you to engage in gainful employment.
 - b. Veteran's Statement – A statement from the Veteran's Administration certifying that the claimant is receiving a disability benefit due to disability.
 - c. Social Security Administration Document – A document or copy of a document from the Social Security Administration stating the date the disability began

How do I obtain proof of disability?

- A. **Physician's Statement** – Visit your doctor. Take a copy of this document.
- B. **Veteran's Administration** – Walk into the VA regional office at 5400 W National Ave. and ask for a document to file for a homestead credit. They will give you the document you need, while you wait.
- C. **Social Security Administration** – If you are receiving social security disability, visit one of the following offices between 9 am to 4 pm, Mon-Fri:
 1. 8455 W. Layton Ave
 2. 310 W Wisconsin Ave, Suite 260
 3. 520 W North Ave
 4. 6300 W Fond du Lac Ave.

Take a number and when called to the window, tell them you need proof of disability that includes when the disability began (or show them this letter.) They will give you the document you need. Please make copies since you will need to file one each year until you turn 62.

What if I previously filed a proof of disability?

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue wants the proof of disability sent every year that you file for a homestead credit (until you turn 62). The same disability letter can be used year after year. Make plenty of copies and bring one with you to the tax preparation site, along with your other tax papers.